

November 8, 2005

LWVSV Position Paper  
on  
THE MONTEREY COUNTY QUALITY OF LIFE, AFFORDABLE HOUSING AND  
VOTER CONTROL INITIATIVE

This Initiative, if qualified through the petition process, will be voted on at the June 2006 election. The Initiative implements the major land use and affordable housing provisions of the Community General Plan (which LWVSV and LWVMP supported) by amending the 1982 General Plan.

Major provisions are:

- Directs growth into cities and 5 unincorporated Community Areas: former Ft. Ord, Pajaro, Castroville, Boronda and Chualar
- Increases affordable housing requirements from 20 to 30%, and from 30 to 40% on former Ft. Ord
- Requires voter approval for any changes intensifying land uses not allowed by the Initiative
- Helps preserve prime ag land
- Promotes positive transportation and water supply solutions before developments are approved
- Supports overstressed public service agencies

League positions that support the provisions of the Initiative include:

League of Women Voters of California (LWVC) positions:

- Agricultural Land Preservation
- Air Quality
- Energy
- Transportation
- Water
- Housing
- Growth Management

League of Women Voters of the Salinas Valley positions:

- Planning

League representatives have participated in General Plan workshops and hearings. The two county Leagues have made official oral and written statements on the General Plan. In most instances the Board of Supervisors have approved General Plan policies contrary to League positions. LWVC has a position supporting the use of direct initiative and referendum when necessary.

Based on all of the above, the LWVSV Board, at its Nov. 3, 2005 meeting, voted to support the General Plan Initiative.

League members who wish to help with circulating petitions, or who have any questions, should call Phyllis Meurer at 484-5640.